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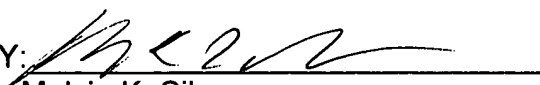
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Papers dated 4/5/01, kindly find enclosed herewith substitute drawings in  
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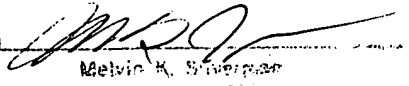
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